GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL QUARRYING IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint regarding illegal quarrying in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to stop such illegal quarrying in the residential zone of Powai in Mumbai ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The State Pollution Control Board of Maharashtra had received complaint from residents of Hirananda Residential Complex, Powai, Mumbai regarding noise pollution and vibrations created on account of stone quarrying adjacent to the Complex in Powai. The State Government, after investigations, closed down two stone quarries, namely Bombay Stone Crushing Company and Supreme Asphalt Company in July, 2001, which were located within 500 metres of the residential complex and did not have a valid consent.